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Magalie Roman Salas  
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445 12th Street, N.W.  
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Re: RCN's IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Implementation Plan for Virginia,  
File No. NSD-L-98-121, CC Docket 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing with the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") is an original and four copies of RCN Telecom Services of Virginia, Inc.'s ("RCN's") "IntraLATA Presubscription Implementation Plan" ("Plan") for Virginia. Pursuant to the Commission's June 18, 1999 Public Notice, RCN has enclosed two additional copies of the Plan for Mr. Al McCloud of the Commission's Network Services Division.

RCN filed its Plan with the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("SCC") on April 21, 1999. The SCC has not yet approved any intraLATA dialing parity plans. RCN, therefore, files its Plan in order to conform to the Commission's Order, released on March 23, 1999, directing local exchange carriers ("LECs") to file their plans with the Commission on June 22, 1999, if "a state commission has not yet acted on a LEC's intraLATA toll dialing parity implementation plan."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and Petition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell, and Nevada Bell Expedited Declaratory Ruling on Interstate IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity or, in the Alternative, Various Other Relief, Order, CC Docket 96-98, NSD File No. L-98-121, FCC 99-54 (rel. March 23, 1999).

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 424-7877.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward W. Kirsch".

Edward W. Kirsch  
Counsel for RCN Telecom Services  
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**INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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**INTRODUCTION**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

RCN will deploy two PIC ("Primary Interexchange Carrier") technology in its switches. This technology will enable the customer to presubscribe to the same or a different carrier for their intraLATA and interLATA services. RCN will implement the two PIC technology and this Plan not later than thirty (30) days after July 21, 1999.

Appropriate tariffs will be revised and filed in accordance with this plan.

RCN will offer customers the ability to access any participating carriers by dialing the appropriate access code (10XXX/101XXXX).

**CARRIER INFORMATION**

Carriers will have the option of offering intraLATA service only, or both intraLATA and interLATA service.

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RCN will not participate in billing disputes for intraLATA service between alternative competing carriers and their customers.

Carriers wishing to participate will be requested to submit Access Service Requests/Translation Questionnaires to the Access Tandem owner and to RCN.

## **CALL ELIGIBILITY/TOLL DIALING PLAN**

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1 + 7 or 10 digits	IntraLATA Toll Provider
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## **NETWORK INFORMATION**

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Carriers must have Feature Group D trunks in place (or ordered) between their point of presence and the incumbent LEC Access Tandem(s).

RCN will route all originating intraLATA traffic to the designated carrier and will only block traffic at the request of the end user customer and/or in compliance with regulatory regulations. Requests from carriers to block traffic or to remove customers from their network will not be honored. Calls that cannot be completed to a carrier will be routed to an announcement.

## **CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION**

RCN will inform its existing subscriber base that they may select a participating carrier for carriage of intraLATA toll traffic as soon as possible following plan approval. A neutrally-worded billing insert will be used to effectuate this notice.

RCN customer contact representatives will process customer initiated PIC selections to RCN or to an alternative intraLATA carrier. Carriers will have the option of allowing the RCN representatives to process PIC requests on their behalf.

RCN will not ballot or allocate their customer base.

Alternative carriers may submit PIC changes to RCN via fax/paper interface. Details regarding this process will be provided as part of our carrier correspondence.

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If the intraLATA toll carrier selected by the customer permits RCN to process orders on its behalf, RCN will accept the PIC change request. If a customer selects an intraLATA toll carrier that does not allow RCN to process PIC changes on its behalf, RCN will provide the customer with the carrier's toll-free number (if provided by the carrier).

RCN representatives will not discuss alternative carrier rates or services and will not provide customers with Carrier Identification Codes or access code dialing instructions.

RCN representatives will not initiate or accept three-way calls from alternative carriers to discuss presubscription.

### **PRESUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION**

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In an effort to reduce unauthorized PIC changes, RCN will offer intraLATA PIC Freeze service to all customers at no charge. PIC Freeze can only be initiated (or removed) by the customer requesting it through their RCN representative. RCN will not engage in the active marketing of the PIC-freeze option until after the completion of the 90-day grace period during which customers may select an intraLATA toll provider without charge.

If a RCN customer denies requesting a change in intraLATA toll providers as submitted by an intraLATA carrier, and the intraLATA carrier is unable to produce a Letter of Agency signed by the customer, the intraLATA carrier will be assessed a thirty dollar charge for the unauthorized PIC change.

RCN will process intraLATA and interLATA PIC selections in the same manner and under the same intervals of time.

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For customers who change their local service provider from the incumbent LEC to RCN and retain their incumbent LEC telephone number(s), RCN, as part of the CARE PIC process, will provide the selected intraLATA carrier with both the retained (incumbent LEC) telephone number and the RCN telephone number.

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